

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Allegation of Corruption against Sri K.Venkataramana Rao, Village Revenue Officer, Alwala Village, Gonegandla Mandal, Kurnool District – Trapped by Anti Corruption Bureau on 09-09-2008 - Sanction of Prosecution - Orders – Issued.

REVENUE(VIGILANCE.VII) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.1056

Dated.08 -10-2009

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O R D E R:

Whereas, Sri K.Venkataramana Rao, S/o Late K.Venkoba Rao, 53 years, resident of H.No.1-1895, Gandhi Nagar, Yemmiganur, Kurnool District, worked as Village Revenue Officer, Alwala Village, Kurnool District during the period from 01-08-2007 to 09-09-2008 and as such he falls under the category of Public Servant within the meaning of clause(c) of Section (2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988);

2. And whereas, it is alleged that on 07-09-2008 at 11:00 hours, Sri M.Bhakta Raju, S/o M.Nadipi Hanumanthu @ M.N.Anumanna, Age 28 years, Agriculturist, Alwala Village, Gonegandla Mandal, Kurnool District came to Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Kurnool and lodged a complaint against Sri K.Venkataramana Rao, Village Revenue Officer, Alwala Village, Gonegandla Mandal, Kurnool District. The contents of the complaint are that they are three brothers and he is the second among them. His elder brother's name is Sri Issac and younger brother's name is Sri Sudhakar and they have agricultural lands to an extent of 10.25 acres in Sy.No.15, 2) 1.17 acres in Sy.No.3 and 3) 1.20 acres of Sy.No.66/2C in the village. On 16-10-2007, they partitioned their land in the presence of elders and an agreement was executed among them. He was allotted 3.90 acres in Sy.No.15, 2)0.39 cents in Sy.No.3 and 3) 1.20 acres in Sy.No.66/2C. His elder brother Sri Issac was allotted 3.00 acres in Sy.No.15 and 0.39 cents in Sy.No.3 and his young brother was allotted (1) 3.35 acres in Sy.No.15, 0.39 cents in Sy.No.3. About four months back, he and his elder brother Sri Issac met Sri K.Venkataramana Rao, Village Revenue Officer and requested to issue the Pattadar Pass Books as per partition of land among them and also handed over the partition document, claim forms and photos. Subsequently, they met Sri K.Venkata Ramana Rao, Village Revenue Officer, several times, but he dodged the issue. On 06-09-2008 at 16:00 hours, he along with his relative Sri Yellappa visited the house of Accused Officer Sri K.Venkata Ramana Rao at Yemmiganur and requested him to issue pattadar pass books in his name and his elder brother's name. On that, the Accused Officer demanded bribe of Rs.1,000/- to do official favour i.e., to issue Pattadar Pass Books. If not paid, he would

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not issue the Pattadar Pass Books. Under unavoidable circumstances, the complainant agreed to pay the bribe amount to the Accused Officer. The Accused Officer instructed the complainant to pay the bribe amount on Tuesday i.e., 09-09-2008 at his house and to take the Pattadar Pass Books. Reluctant to pay bribe, the complainant along with his relative Sri Yellappa approached the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Kurnool on 07-09-08 at 11:00 a.m. and lodged a written complaint against Sri K.Venkata Ramana Rao, Village Revenue Officer, Alwala Village, Gonegandla Mandal, Kurnool District;

3. And whereas, it is alleged that Sri M.Bhakta Raju who was unwilling to pay the bribe amount to Sri K.Venkataramana Rao, Village Revenue Officer, Alwala Village, Gonegandla Mandal, Kurnool District lodged a written complaint with Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Kurnool on 07-09-2008 at 11:00 hours who, after due verification and after completing all legal formalities, registered a case in Cr.No.10/RCT-KUR/08 under section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988) at 8:00 A.M. on 09.09.2008 and took up investigation;

4. And whereas, it is further alleged that during the course of trap on 09-09-2008 at about 12:30 p.m., when Sri M.Bhakta Raju and Sri J.Yellappa, accompanying witness approached Sri K.Venkataramana Rao, Village Revenue Officer, Alwala Village, Gonegandla Mandal, Sri K.Venkataramana Rao, Village Revenue Officer, Alwala Village, Gonegandla Mandal, renewed his earlier demand and asked him to pay the bribe amount of Rs.1,000/-. Accordingly Sri M.Bhakta Raju paid the tainted amount to Sri K.Venkataramana Rao and Sri K.Venkataramana Rao received the amount, with his right hand, counted and kept it in his left side chest pocket of the shirt and informed him that he would hand over the Pattadar Pass Books and Title Deeds pertaining to him and his brother at 3:00 p.m. in the afternoon. When both the hand fingers of Sri K.Venkataramana Rao were subjected to Phenolphthalein test, it yielded positive results. Sri K.Venkataramana Rao, voluntarily produced a wad of currency notes of Rs.1,000/- from his left side chest pocket of the shirt. When subjected the inner lining of the left side chest pocket of the shirt of Sri K.Venkataramana Rao to test, also answered positive results. The currency note numbers and denominations mentioned in the pre trap proceedings tallied. All the relevant material objects were seized under cover of Post Trap proceedings along with tainted currency notes of Rs.1,000/- and relevant official favour documents from Sri K.Venkataramana Rao;

5. And whereas, the said acts of Sri K.Venkataramana Rao, Village Revenue Officer, Alwala Village, Gonegandla Mandal, Kurnool District, constitute offences punishable under section 7 and sub-section(2) of Section 13 readwith clause(d) of sub-section(1) of section 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988);

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6. And whereas, Government of Andhra Pradesh being the competent authority to remove of Sri K.Venkataramana Rao, Village Revenue Officer, Alwala Village, Gonegandla Mandal, Kurnool District from Government service after fully and carefully examining the material i.e. pre-trap and post-trap documents placed before them in respect of the said allegations and having regard to the facts and the circumstances of the case consider that of Sri K.Venkataramana Rao, Village Revenue Officer, Alwala Village, Gonegandla Mandal, Kurnool District should be prosecuted in a competent court of law;

7. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988) the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby accord sanction for prosecution of the said Sri K.Venkataramana Rao, Village Revenue Officer, Alwala Village, Gonegandla Mandal, Kurnool District for the above said offence punishable under sections 7 and 13(1)(d) readwith section 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988) and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of law for the time being in force and for taking cognizance of the said offences by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ASUTOSH MISHRA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director General
Anti Corruption Bureau
Hyderabad.

//FORWARDED BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER